

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A liquid ejecting apparatus, comprising:
 - a carriage, reciprocating;
 - a liquid ejecting head, mounted on the carriage, and having a nozzle forming face from which liquid is ejected; and
 - a wiping member, wiping the nozzle forming face in accordance with a movement of the carriage,wherein the wiping member includes:
 - a body part;
 - a wiping part, formed at a tip of the body part for abutting the liquid ejecting head; and
 - a support part, supporting the body part;wherein the support part is formed inside the wiping part.

2. (original): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the support part is formed so that a sectional area of the support part parallel with a bottom face of the support part becomes smaller toward the tip from the bottom face.

3-5. (canceled).

6. (original): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the support part has an elastic coefficient larger than that of the wiping part.

7-11. (canceled).

12. (new): A liquid ejecting apparatus, comprising:
a carriage, reciprocating;
a liquid ejecting head, mounted on the carriage, and having a nozzle forming face from which liquid is ejected; and
a wiping member, wiping the nozzle forming face in accordance with a movement of the carriage,
wherein the wiping member includes:
a body part;
a wiping part, formed at a tip of the body part for abutting the liquid ejecting head; and
a plurality of support parts, supporting the body part; and

wherein the support parts are provided on a face of the wiping part that is opposite to a wiping face of the wiping part which the liquid ejecting head abuts.

13. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts are formed such that a sectional area of each of the support parts parallel with a bottom face of each of the support parts becomes smaller toward the tip from the bottom face.

14. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have an elastic coefficient larger than that of the wiping part.

15. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have the same elastic coefficient as that of the wiping part.

16. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have cone shapes.

17. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have pyramid shapes.

18. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have triangular pole shapes.

19. (new): A liquid ejecting apparatus, comprising:

- a carriage, reciprocating;
- a liquid ejecting head, mounted on the carriage, and having a nozzle forming face from which liquid is ejected; and
- a wiping member, wiping the nozzle forming face in accordance with a movement of the carriage,

wherein the wiping member includes:

- a body part;
- a wiping part, formed at a tip of the body part for abutting the liquid ejecting head; and
- a support part, supporting the body part; and

wherein the support part is formed such that a sectional area of the support part parallel with a bottom face of the support part becomes smaller toward the tip from the bottom face.

20. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part is provided on a side face of the wiping part.

21. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 20, wherein the side face of the wiping part is a face opposite to the face which the liquid ejecting head abuts.

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22. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has an elastic coefficient larger than that of the wiping part.

23. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has the same elastic coefficient as that of the wiping part.

24. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has a cone shape.

25. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has a pyramid shape.

26. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has a triangular pole shape.

27. (new): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part is a plurality of support parts.